



# Okaloosa County Infrastructure Surtax Advisory Committee Project Updates

**Date:** January 12, 2023  
**To:** Members of the Advisory Committee  
**From:** Carisse LeJeune, Surtax Project Mgr.  
**Subject:** Project List Reconciliation

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## **STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

Review of Project Status through November 30, 2022

## **BACKGROUND:**

The following is a list of project updates. Staff is available to discuss questions on the project updates and reconciliation report spreadsheet.

### **ST000001 6<sup>th</sup> Street Area Stormwater**

This stormwater infrastructure replacement project is substantially complete. Contractor is completing final punch list activities and compiling final documentation for close-out.

### **ST000002 Beachview Drive Drainage Improvements**

The project includes the design and construction of a stormwater system that will collect, convey, and treat stormwater from the areas of Eglin Parkway and Beachview Drive. Limited preliminary design was performed to identify possible locations for outfalls to Choctawhatchee Bay. However, none of the property owners were willing to grant an easement to County for the construction of an outfall to serve the area. The project will move back into preliminary design to identify the optimal location for an outfall.

### **ST000004 John King Road Widening**

The project consists of widening the road by creating additional traffic and turn lanes, intersection improvements and stormwater improvements. The design is complete and the project is in the right-of-way acquisition phase.

### **ST000005 Redwood Avenue Sidewalk Addition**

Sidewalk improvements tied into existing facilities at the signalized intersection on SR 20 and extended south along Redwood Avenue in Niceville. The project is complete and contract with LAS Contracting has been closed.

### **ST000009 Southwest Crestview Bypass**

**Phase 5 and East-West Connector** – The work on Phase 5 and East-West Connector stands at 41% of the contract budget expended vs. 35% of the contract time. The roadwork is ahead of schedule though the bridge work is lagging due to difficulties with soils and pile foundations. Staff is currently negotiating the cost to add sidewalks to the project that was originally designed, but not bid due to concerns over budget. Staff believes the overall budget to be

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sound such that sidewalks can be added back to the work, as long as the Board of County Commissioners and the Triumph Gulf Coast Board agree with its addition.

**PJ Adams Widening Phases 1-4** – The work is underway with approximately 82% of the time used and 67% of the money expended. Recent delays have been caused by both weather and new utility conflicts at West Villacrest and the contractor continues to have problems with installing the lining in Pond 1. Extraordinary rainy weather during the last year has exacerbated difficulty in constructing the lining. Staff and CEI continue to monitor.

**PJ Adams at Hwy 85 Turn Lanes** - The design is complete and the project is in the right-of-way acquisition phase funded by an FDOT TRIP grant and County TIF revenue. No County Surtax has been requested at this time.

### **ST000010 Carmel & Beal Intersection Improvements**

The Carmel Drive and Beal Parkway intersection has a commercial presence on the west and residential presence on the east. The proposed improvements will enhance pedestrian and motorist safety. A design proposal has been received and approval for \$250K funding is requested from the Committee. Additional funding for this project has been identified in the FDOT FY 24 Tentative Work Program.

### **ST000011 Overbrook Area Stormwater Improvements**

Existing stormwater infrastructure does exist in the Overbrook Subdivision but is woefully inadequate. Moderate rainfall events can cause street and yard flooding. In heavier rainfall events, many homes receive floodwater in their living spaces. Currently the project is 60% designed. A \$750K State appropriation from FDEP was approved for FY 23, bringing the total amount of grant funding for the project to \$1M. Award of the \$750K is anticipated in the summer of 2023, based on required permits and property acquisition from Eglin AFB.

### **ST000012 Lloyd Street Stormwater Improvements**

This project will include stormwater modeling, pipe inspection, design and construction of stormwater infrastructure in the drainage basin that includes Lloyd Street and Mayflower Avenue and outfalls to Cinco Bayou. Staff anticipates utilizing Restore Act funds for project design and a Task Order will be presented to Board of County Commissioners for approval. Once the design is complete, staff will bring forward to the Surtax Committee a request for construction funding.

### **ST000013 Millside Road Paving**

Millside Road is an unpaved connector between State Road 85 and CR Hwy 2 utilized by local residents, agricultural and silvicultural vehicles with potential for increase traffic volume. The project is 90% designed and staff is working through Right of Way acquisition. Okaloosa County has applied for FY 23-24 state appropriation funding of \$3.6M for construction. If awarded, staff will be bringing forward to the Surtax Committee a request for match funding.

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### **ST000014 County Road 2 Widening and Resurfacing**

This project will widen and resurface approximately 9.44 miles of CR Hwy 2 and upgrade two bridges with three-beam guardrails. The project is 100% designed and the Invitation to Bid has been developed and reviewed by Purchasing and Legal. It has been sent to FDOT for review prior to advertising. The most current construction cost estimate is \$13.5M including CEI, contingency, and post award design support. State appropriation funding in the amount of \$3M was approved for FY 22-23 with a required \$4M funding match.

### **ST000015 Northwest Crestview Bypass**

A high-level planning study that focuses on feasibility for a west bypass as a continuation of the Southwest Crestview Bypass project is in progress. The Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report (ACER) has been introduced at a public forum held November 17, 2022. Comments have been received and the final ACER is expected in the summer of 2023 with corridor selection. Construction is not expected until the mid-2030's.

### **ST000017 School Resource Officer Support**

To provide significantly faster coordinated response to safety issues in schools, improved communications and mass notification was identified. Live stream video equipment was purchased and installed, along with a mass notification system, ballistic protection equipment, and K-9 replacements. This project is substantially complete with just a few remaining steps to be addressed.

### **ST000018 Communications Services**

The Sheriff's Office identified a need for improved communications to bring the County-wide system up to date with the latest communication reach and technologies. Some communications equipment has been installed and the project is currently in design, acquisition and construction of new tower sites.

### **ST000021 Dirt Road Stabilization**

The County maintains a significant number of north County and State Forestry Roads evenly spread between Districts 1 & 3. Currently approximately 46 roads have been stabilized with the chip and seal method, providing a better driving surface for citizens and visitors and helping to prevent sediment from entering our creeks and streams.

### **ST000022 Lake Lorraine Stormwater Improvements**

This stormwater infrastructure replacement and outfall improvement project is currently 80% complete and final completion is estimated by end of January.

### **ST000024 Santa Rosa Boulevard Improvements**

A professional services contract for design to include roadway, sidewalk and stormwater was awarded to Halff & Associates. The survey and data collection portion of the project is underway.

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### ST000025 West Highway 98 Stormwater Improvements

The West 98 Area Stormwater Improvements project consists of numerous scattered stormwater issues in several neighborhoods. Active and completed projects are listed below:

**Bob White Drive Stormwater Upgrades** – The project is 100% designed and a construction contract is pending approval by the Board of County Commissioners at their January 17, 2023 regular meeting. The Surtax Committee has previously allocated \$1,087,776 for this project and an additional request for \$220,000 is pending.

**Brookwood Blvd Stormwater Repairs** – This project for trenchless pipeline rehabilitation is complete.

**Al Hammet Dr Stormwater Improvements** – The project is 90% designed but we are unable to secure a final easement and are working on a redesign. We will be requesting additional design funds once we have a proposal from the project design consultant. Without the easement there are numerous design issues which need to be addressed.

**Wynnehaven Dr Stormwater Upgrades** – The existing stormwater system is not sufficient for collecting and discharging stormwater runoff. Realigning the road will provide opportunity for stormwater retention to alleviate flooding in the area. We have received a concept drawing for the area on January 3, 2023, but final design for the project is on hold until additional acquisition of ROW access can be secured. Request of allocation of surtax funding is pending.

**County Pond 314** – This project has the potential to improve stormwater issues reported in surrounding residential areas by fixing the conveyance of stormwater to a nearby retention pond, adding an additional pond, and connecting the two stormwater ponds. Design was awarded on June 30, 2022 and is in process.

**Brenda Lane Parcel Purchase** – Parcel purchase completed December 5, 2022. Lot will be used to help manage stormwater flowing from Eglin AFB into Brenda Lane area stormwater system.

### ST000026 Bluewater Bay MSBU Hazard Mitigation Project

This is a flood mitigation project to repair stormwater outfalls and improve discharge to retention pond. Construction is underway and approximately 75% complete and is expected to complete by the end of January 2023. This project is funded by a grant from FDEM, the BWB MSBU, and County Surtax.

### ST000027 Old Bethel Road Sidewalk Improvements

This project provides sidewalk access for numerous subdivisions and three schools accessing Old Bethel Road. Construction is underway and approximately 60% complete. The project is expected to be complete by the end of February 2023.

### ST000028 Live Oak Church Road Intersection Improvements

Project improvements include bridge widening on Live Oak Church Road and additional turn lanes at the intersection of Highway 85. Design has been finalized along with updated

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construction estimates. Bid documents are being compiled for submission to FDOT for approval. This project is being funded by developer contribution, legislative appropriation, and County Surtax. Approval of additional funding from Surtax is needed based on latest construction cost estimates. Surtax funding allocation is pending.

### **ST000029 Willow Bend/Greenacres Area Stormwater Improvements**

The Willow Bend/Greenacres Area Stormwater Improvements project consists of numerous scattered stormwater issues in several neighborhoods. One identified project is:

**Brittany Woods Ditch Repair** – This project will include rehabilitation of approximately 4,000 linear feet of stormwater drainage infrastructure which runs parallel with Green Acres Road, between Beal Pkwy and MLK Blvd. in Fort Walton Beach. The project is currently in design and we are working through construction access issues.

### **ST000030 College Blvd/Forest Road Multi-Use Path and Safety Improvements**

This project is to improve safety at intersections into and around the Northwest Florida State College and to enable a safe, two-way, multi-use path along College Boulevard and Forest Road in the Niceville area. A traffic study along College Blvd. from Cedar Street to Partin Dr. (Hwy 285) is currently in process. Staff is waiting on a proposal for design. Okaloosa County has received an appropriation grant from FDOT for \$1.5M for construction. A request for \$1.5M match in surtax funding is pending.

#### **OPTIONS:**

This is an informational item. No action is required by the committee

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational item. No action is required by the committee

**Okaloosa County  
Sales Surtax Project Reconciliation**

FY 22 Project Revenue and Expense Summary (As of 11/30/22 - FY End Periods 1 2)									
Revenue Summary					Expense Summary				
Category	Acct #	Current Budget	FYTD Collected	% Collected	Total Budget	Actual	Balance	% Spent	
Surtax Revenues	3301R-312630	\$ 40,813,756	\$ 20,049,384	49%	\$ 76,755,585	\$ 27,981,591	\$ 48,773,994	36%	
Grant Revenues	Varies	\$ 77,298,383	\$ 30,943,903	40%	\$ 77,298,383	\$ 30,943,903	\$ 46,354,480	40%	
Other Revenues	Varies	\$ 35,553,456	\$ 25,086,687	71%	\$ 35,553,456	\$ 25,086,687	\$ 10,466,769	71%	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 153,665,595</b>	<b>\$ 76,079,974</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>\$ 189,607,424</b>	<b>\$ 84,012,182</b>	<b>\$ 105,595,242</b>	<b>44%</b>	

Project Financial Summary									
Title	Project #	Category	Account	Budget	Admin	Actuals	Balance	% Spent	% Complete
6th Street Area Stormwater	ST00001	Stormwater	3303-563001	\$ 3,175,921	\$ 34,679	\$ 3,043,200	\$ 132,721	0%	22%
Beachview Drive Drainage	ST00002	Stormwater	3303-563001	\$ 600,513	\$ 16,920	\$ 84,465	\$ 516,048	14%	13%
John King Road Intersection Improvements	ST00004	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$ 2,024,995	\$ 23,971	\$ 333,792	\$ 1,691,203	16%	14%
Sheriff's Office Training Facility	ST00008	Public Safety	3302-562001	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 30,571	\$ 3,071,740	\$ 28,260	99%	100%
Southwest Crestview Bypass	ST00009	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$ 106,870,965	\$ 86,005	\$ 55,926,976	\$ 50,943,989	52%	33%
Carmel & Beal Intersection Improvements	ST00010	Transportation Safety	3301-563001	\$ 40,000	\$ 8,930	\$ 29,337	\$ 10,663	73%	13%
Overbrook Area Stormwater Improvements	ST00011	Stormwater	3303-563001	\$ 250,000	\$ 21,456	\$ 160,102	\$ 89,898	64%	10%
Lloyd Street/Mayflower Area Stormwater Improvements	ST00012	Stormwater	3303-563001	\$ 66,516	\$ 5,909	\$ 50,365	\$ 16,151	76%	9%
Millside Roadway Improvements	ST00013	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$ 439,000	\$ 16,877	\$ 386,167	\$ 52,833	88%	12%
Highway 2 Bridge and Roadway Improvements	ST00014	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$ 1,200,375	\$ 18,954	\$ 840,860	\$ 359,515	70%	14%
Northwest Crestview Bypass	ST00015	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$ 1,550,196	\$ 22,330	\$ 546,064	\$ 1,004,132	35%	23%
School Resource Officer Support	ST00017	Public Safety	3302-562001	\$ 1,918,093	\$ 15,235	\$ 1,760,600	\$ 157,493	92%	99%
Emergency Services Communications Equipment	ST00018	Public Safety	3302-562001	\$ 6,210,000	\$ 17,690	\$ 5,622,837	\$ 587,163	91%	22%
Dirt Road Stabilization	ST00021	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 15,109	\$ 3,337,295	\$ 4,662,705	42%	50%
Lake Lorraine Stormwater Improvements	ST00022	Stormwater	3303-563001	\$ 2,651,584	\$ 25,018	\$ 1,764,575	\$ 887,009	67%	14%
Santa Rosa Boulevard Improvements	ST00024	Transportation Safety	3301-563001	\$ 375,000	\$ 10,901	\$ 148,833	\$ 226,167	40%	18%
West 98 Stormwater Improvements	ST00025	Stormwater	3303-563001	\$ 1,710,000	\$ 18,864	\$ 836,962	\$ 873,038	49%	8%
Bluewater Bay MSBU Stormwater Improvements	ST00026	Stormwater	3303-563001	\$ 471,888	\$ 8,185	\$ 87,919	\$ 383,969	19%	13%
Old Bethel Road Sidewalk Improvements	ST00027	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 4,988	\$ 77,564	\$ 1,422,436	5%	0%
Live Oak Church Road & Bridge Improvements	ST00028	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 4,935	\$ 351,828	\$ 2,848,172	11%	0%
College Boulevard Improvements	ST00030	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$ 2,050,000	\$ 2,833	\$ 12,049	\$ 2,037,951	1%	0%
Reserve - Future Capital Outlay	N/A	Reserve	3399-599300	\$ 35,941,829	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,941,829	-	-
<b>Current Surtax Project Totals:</b>				<b>\$ 202,663,153</b>	<b>\$ 442,451</b>	<b>\$ 80,620,963</b>	<b>\$ 124,810,547</b>	<b>40%</b>	

Category	Budget	Admin	Actuals	Balance	% Spent
Public Safety	\$11,270,651	\$65,903	\$10,500,142	\$770,509	94%
Transportation Capacity	\$129,957,531	\$243,826	\$64,751,745	\$65,205,786	50%
Transportation Safety	\$1,349,281	\$36,998	\$854,794	\$494,487	66%
Stormwater	\$30,238,132	\$191,219	\$10,016,471	\$20,221,661	34%
Reserve	\$35,941,829	\$0	\$0	\$35,941,829	0%
<b>Total Expenses by Category:</b>	<b>\$208,757,424</b>	<b>\$537,946</b>	<b>\$86,123,152</b>	<b>\$122,634,272</b>	

NOTE: The above Revenue/ Expense Summaries and Expenses by Category reflects the amounts from Completed Surtax projects referenced below (or page 2, if printed)

Completed Surtax Projects									
Title	Project	Category	Account	Budget	Admin	Actuals	Balance	% Spent	% Complete
Commons Drive Intersection Improvement	ST00003	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$1,470,000	\$15,154	\$1,457,029	\$12,971	99%	100%
Redwood Avenue Sidewalks & Intersection	ST00005	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$1,372,000	\$25,522	\$1,267,622	\$104,378	92%	100%
Santa Rosa Boulevard Crosswalks	ST00006	Transportation Capacity	3301-563001	\$280,000	\$7,149	\$214,500	\$65,500	77%	100%
Standish Court Stormwater	ST00007	Stormwater	3303-563001	\$1,220,432,000	\$21,620	\$1,103,599	\$116,833	90%	100%
Fleet Improvements	ST00016	Public Safety	3302-563001	\$42,558	\$2,407	\$44,965	(\$2,407)	106%	100%
Meigs Drive Stormwater Improvements	ST00019	Stormwater	3303-563001	\$775,000	\$6,477	\$737,851	\$37,149	96%	100%
Commons Drive Sidewalk Connection	ST00020	Transportation Safety	3301-563001	\$434,281	\$11,885	\$245,005	\$189,276	59%	100%
Hospital Drive/Lewis Turner Blvd.	ST00023	Transportation Safety	3301-563001	\$500,000	\$5,281	\$431,618	\$68,382	87%	100%
<b>Completed Surtax Project Totals:</b>				<b>\$6,094,271</b>	<b>\$95,495</b>	<b>\$5,502,189</b>	<b>\$592,082</b>		