



Okaloosa County Infrastructure Surtax Advisory Committee Project Updates

Date: January 3, 2023
To: Members of the Advisory Committee
From: Carisse LeJeune, Surtax Project Manager
Subject: Review of Project Status through October 31, 2023

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Review of Project Status through October 31, 2023

BACKGROUND:

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

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, with the exception of one property owner that may be willing to consider an easement after their re-zoning efforts are completed. An alternate routing along Eglin Parkway north to the bay will be considered.

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. The County is in receipt of a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) County Incentive Grant Program award agreement in the amount of \$1,114,856 for construction, and the Board of County Commissioners has approved the agreement and the 50/50 local match from Surtax dollars in the amount of \$1,114,856. Acquisition of necessary right-of-way is in progress.

ST000009 Southwest Crestview Bypass

Phase 5 and East-West Connector – The work on Phase 5 and East-West Connector stands at 53% of the contract budget expended vs. 66% of the contract time. The roadwork is ahead of schedule. The bridge construction pace has picked up with superstructure concrete I-beams having been placed on piers and deck pans set north of the railroad. On the south side of the railroad the piles are being driven. A change order was approved to add sidewalks to the scope of work. Forecast spending remains within budget.

PJ Adams Widening Phases 1-4 – The work is underway with approximately 92% of the time used and 83% of the money expended. Plans are underway to change traffic patterns so that the balance of the west-bound lanes in Segment 4 and a small area of the east-bound lanes between Segments 2 and 3 can be paved. All three (3) new traffic signals being installed by the project should be operating before the end of the calendar year.

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 (Tax Increment Financing)

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revenue. The property to be acquired is currently being appraised to establish the good faith offer to purchase.

ST000010 Carmel & Beal Intersection Improvements

The Carmel Drive and Beal Parkway proposed improvements will enhance pedestrian and motorist safety. The preliminary design has been returned from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) with recommendations. Engineering design work continues on 60% phase of design. The County is in receipt of a FDOT County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) award agreement in the amount of \$989,875 for construction, and the Board of County Commissioners has approved the agreement and the 50/50 local match from Surtax dollars in the amount of \$989,875.

ST000011 Overbrook Area Stormwater Improvements

Existing stormwater infrastructure 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. The 100% design was completed, but a scope change will require additional design and funding. The scope of work has been expanded to incorporate repair of the existing earthen ditch and a detention pond to help control stormwater flow from two additional neighborhoods which also drain into Gap Creek watershed. A \$750K State appropriation from FDEP was approved for construction in FY 23/24, bringing the total amount of grant funding for the project to \$1M. The additional scope of work will be paid for with Surtax dollars. Required permits and property acquisition from Eglin AFB is in progress.

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. RESTORE Act funds will pay for project design. Design is underway and once 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.

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 construction contract was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on 07/18/2023. The contract scope of work includes repairs to the bridge based on FDOT inspection report findings and construction has begun. State appropriation funding for construction in the amount of \$3M has been approved and Surtax dollars are funding the required \$4M 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)

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has been received with recommendation of best alternate routing. The final draft is under review and is anticipated to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners by the February of 2024. Addressing public requests for information is on-going. Construction is not expected until the mid-2030's.

ST000018 Communications Services

The Sheriff Office is spearheading a state-of-the-art P25, Phase II, 800Mhz radio communication system. This countywide system has an underlying fully redundant and hardened infrastructure that is designed to maintain emergency communications in a variety of terrain/structures and throughout disaster conditions. The system will support over 30 different law enforcement, fire/rescue, EMS, and emergency response agencies, allowing them to full communicate with each other, their respective dispatchers and the County's 911 center, plus other county, state and federal agencies outside the county. The twelve-tower system is well into the construction phase and is expected to be operational for usage near the summer of 2024.

ST000021 Dirt Road Stabilization

The County maintains a significant number of north County and State Forestry Roads evenly spread between Districts 1 & 3. Staff has evaluated the efforts to maintain both paved surfaces and dirt surfaces and have found the cost to be approximately three times the cost per mile for dirt roads in comparison to traditionally paved roads. A total of \$9.4M of Surtax funding has been allocated to dirt road stabilization. Lime-rock stabilization has covered 73.84 miles of dirt roads, and 40.3 miles have been chip-sealed and asphalt stabilized, all using Surtax funding. Approximately 60 additional miles are anticipated to be to lime-rock stabilized by the end of FY24, 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

Project is complete.

ST000024 Santa Rosa Boulevard Improvements

The design of Santa Rosa Boulevard encompasses the western limits of the US Air Force property, extending east approximately two miles to the adjacent FDOT Brooks Bridge. The project includes roadway reconstruction, turn lane additions, multi-use path, bike lanes, pedestrian crossings, and landscaping improvements. The survey and data collection portion of the project is complete. Plans for 30% design is complete and 60% design plans are underway. Staff has had preliminary discussions with FPL for the potential of undergrounding the utilities along the Santa Rosa Boulevard corridor.

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 – Project Complete.

Brookwood Blvd Stormwater Repairs – Project Complete.

Al Hammett Road Stormwater Improvements – The project is 90% designed and the County is in the process to potentially acquire the final easement as the property owner is selling the property and the potential new owner has tentatively indicated being amenable to granting an easement. A task order has been Board approved to re-design the routing if needed.

Wynnehaven Beach Road Stormwater Upgrades – The existing stormwater system is not sufficient for collecting and discharging stormwater runoff in the area. Realigning the road will provide opportunity

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for stormwater retention to alleviate flooding. A conceptual drawing has been developed and the final design for the project is on hold until additional acquisition of ROW access can be secured. A FDOT TRIP grant application has been submitted to Florida Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,900,000. This project will be coordinated with the widening of Highway 98 by the FDOT.

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 is 60% complete and a revised scope of design has been submitted to construct/connect another small pond for added retention capacity.

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

Project Complete.

ST000027 Old Bethel Road Sidewalk Improvements

Project Complete.

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 is complete and construction began in October 2023, starting with bridge work. This project is being funded by developer contribution, a legislative appropriation through FDOT for \$1.5M, and County Surtax.

ST000029 Willow Bend/Greenacres Area Stormwater Improvements

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

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 at 100% design and has been submitted for final review. Development of the Invitation to Bid (ITB) is in progress and obtaining necessary easements are continuing. Surtax money will be requested for allocation once bids are received.

Willow Grove Lane Stormwater Improvements – This project will provide installation of a concrete lined ditch to mitigate stormwater flooding conditions in the cul-de-sac at the end of Willow Grove Lane. The existing primary drainage ditch will need to be extended to the north to accept the new drain outfall from Willow Grove Lane. A task order has been issued for survey and design. The survey will help support a request to Eglin AFB for right-of-entry to the ditch extension (all of the drainage ditch is on Eglin property).

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 construct 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) has been completed. A task order was issued for preliminary design of the multi-use sidewalk along College Blvd. and down Forest Rd. 30% design plans are in review and will be submitted to Eglin AFB for approval. The sidewalk along College Blvd. is within the buffer zone of Eglin AFB. Okaloosa County has received a

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State appropriation grant through FDOT for \$1.5M for construction and a \$1.5M match in Surtax funding has been approved.

ST000032 CR 393 Phase-3 Reconstruction

CR 393 Phase 3 Reconstruction project requires mitigation of the cracking of the road surface. The cracking allows water to penetrate and saturate the base of the road, creating base failures. A task order was issued for preliminary engineering design to determine the extent of the current damage and if other mitigation efforts are needed in addition to mill and overlay, and to include studying the appropriateness of posted speed limits and evaluating curves and no-passing zones. The intent is to outsource construction.

ST000033 Old River Road Improvements

Old River Road Roadway Improvements requires road and ditch stabilization and replacement. The project will include asphalt stabilizing the road base, replacing the wooden bridge over Polly Creek, and stabilizing the ditches with concrete and rip rap. This will result in improved driving surface, cleaner stormwater runoff, and replacement of an obsolete wooden bridge. No engineering design is anticipated for this project, which will be done in-house by the Public Works department. Surtax funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 has been approved for this project and work is anticipated to begin in 2024.

ST000034 OCSO Data Management System

The OCSO Data Management System will be designed to increase the overall operational efficiency and quality of service to the public by integrating Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Records Management Service (RMS), and Corrections Management Service (CMS), as well as the necessary interfaces to enable interoperability between criminal justice participants serving Okaloosa County. An amount of \$1,414,186.40 has been allocated from Surtax revenues for this project. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has procured a contract for services. Okaloosa County Jail is still in the process of procuring a contract for services.

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