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Bypass project moves forward – Other Developments at Surtax Committee Meeting

Shalimar– Okaloosa County’s surtax advisory committee confirmed the use of more than \$2 Million for updates to the Triumph Gulf Coast Application, initial construction phase engineering services, Raspberry road, alignment alternatives analysis, and the design of Raspberry road. This marks the first half-cent monies spent on the Southwest Crestview Bypass after voters ticked the ballot in its favor last November.

“This is the first two million dollars of more than 25-30 million dollars the county will spend on this project. The total cost is closer to \$200 million dollars. We are leveraging our money with participation from the state Department of Transportation and Triumph to complete the project,” said Jason Autrey.

The committee also recommended an application for matching grants from the state of Florida’s Department of Transportation for intersection improvements at Carmel Drive and Beal Parkway with a unanimous vote Thursday.

By doing so, the committee recommended to the Board more than \$680,000 of sales tax revenues go toward the grant match, with the goal of receiving a matching amount of money from the State government.

The applications were due March, 21st, and The County should have a decision from the State in 30-60 days.

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