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## FDOT to begin \$16 million project next month to build Gulf Coast Parkway in Callaway

A project of more than \$16 million to improve transportation in Bay County is around the corner.

According to Ian Satter, spokesperson for the Florida Department of Transportation, construction is slated to begin next month on State Road 370, or Gulf Coast Parkway, which will connect North Tyndall Parkway and North Star Avenue.

It will span 1.7 miles and feature two lanes, traffic signals at both intersections, a 10-foot multi-use path and a connection to Tram Road.

"What this allows us to do is alleviate a lot of the traffic that is occurring on (U.S.) 98 and State 22 in Callaway," Satter said. "We'll be able to reduce the traffic flow in that area, and that will be a safer intersection for those people who travel through there."

He also said the project is one part of a larger FDOT study from a few years ago to potentially build a regional connector road — also called Gulf Coast Parkway — that would span about 36 miles and connect U.S. 98 with portions of U.S. 231.

As of Wednesday, however, the 1.7-mile segment was the only portion of the regional Gulf Coast Parkway designed, funded for construction or in the FDOT's future plans.

Satter, who said the upcoming project will be entirely funded by the FDOT, expected for it to take about three years to complete.

He also said officials might consider adding more segments of Gulf Coast Parkway in the future depending on demand.

Robert Carroll, chairman of the Bay County Commission, said he believes projects like this, along with the working partnership between the FDOT and Bay County, are crucial for the area's future.

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## ABC: Enhancing Inclusion Creates Needed Change in the Construction Industry

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) today announced its strong support of the second annual Construction Inclusion Week, which kicks off today, and the need to champion and foster inclusion, diversity and equity throughout the construction industry.

Created by ABC members, Construction Inclusion Week harnesses the collective power of the construction industry to build awareness regarding the need to improve inclusion, diversity and equity in the industry.

"Building inclusive, diverse and equitable workplaces ensures job creators in the construction community offer a robust employee value proposition that is attractive to top talent from all communities," said ABC Director of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Tia Perry. "Recruiting and retaining the best workers in the marketplace will foster more creativity, win more work and deliver the greatest value to the construction user. ABC is proud to be an integral part of this important week."

"Associated Builders and Contractors of New Jersey is proud to support Construction Inclusion Week and a more inclusive construction industry," said Samantha DeAlmeida, president of ABC of New Jersey. "We've recently partnered with the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey to bring our Apprenticeship Education & Training Fund, a U.S. Department of Labor-approved apprenticeship program, to underserved and low-income areas throughout New Jersey, where this type of upskilling program has not existed. By providing inclusive and equitable opportunities for well-paying jobs in these communities, our apprenticeship program helps achieve workforce equity while disrupting generational poverty."

"One of the most important opportunities in front of us is ensuring that authentic and personal conversations happen in the field," said Carolyn Ellison, managing director of community affairs at Clark Construction Group LLC and a member of ABC's National Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee. "I'm proud that Clark Construction has placed increased focus on fostering engagement and personal connections with our craft workforce—both during CIW and beyond."

The business case for IDE grows stronger every year. Diversity brings new ideas into an organization from various communities, resulting in greater innovation and creativity.

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- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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