

Eastern Crestview Bypass

TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-APPLICATION FORM

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. (“Triumph Gulf Coast”) has created a pre-application process to provide initial consideration of potential ideas for projects or programs that may seek an award of funding. Applicants are required to participate in the pre-application process. Notwithstanding the response from Triumph Gulf Coast on the pre-application form, an Applicant may still elect to submit an Application.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: Okaloosa County

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: County government

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: Florida Department of Transportation

REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In a maximum of three (3) pages, please describe the proposed project or program, including (i) the amount of funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast; (ii) the amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project or program; (iii) the location of the project or program; (iv) summary description of the proposed program, including how the program will be transformational and promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties, and (v) a summary timeline for the proposed project or program.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This pre-application process will **not** result in an award of funding by Triumph Gulf Coast. Rather, this process is designed to facilitate submission of ideas for potential projects or programs before the Applicant expends time and/or resources to complete a full Application. All Applicants for funding are required to complete an Application, which will be scored, and then considered for award in the discretion of Triumph Gulf Coast Board.

Triumph Required Executive Summary:

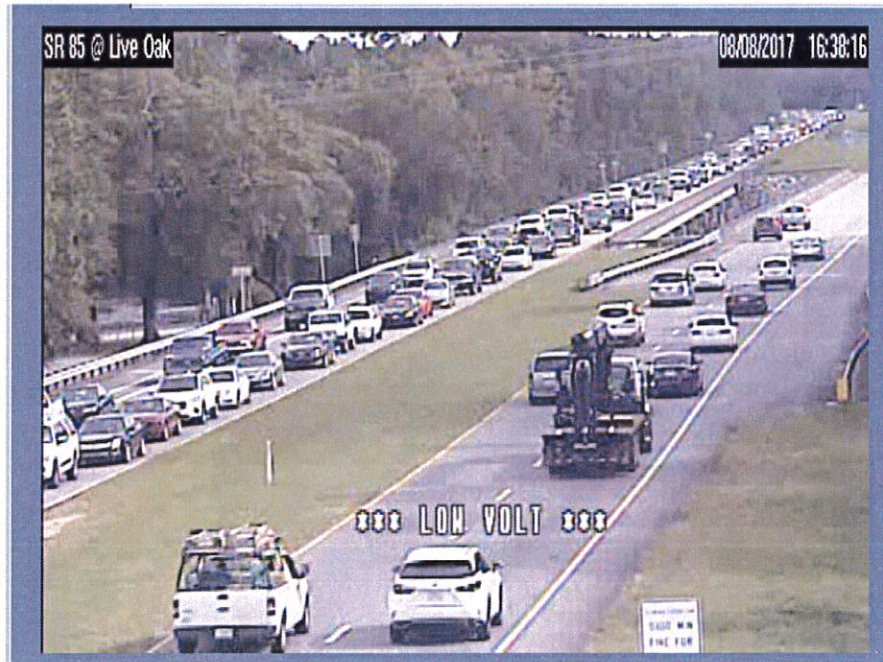
Pre-Application (Maximum of 3 pages)

Describe the proposed project or program: **Eastern Crestview Bypass PD&E**

An Eastern Crestview Bypass is needed to divert traffic from State Route (SR) 85.

SR 85 is a primary commuter route to military bases and tourist destinations. Monday through Friday, SR 85 backs up from I-10 to Duke Field; a distance of 6 miles.

The Eastern Crestview Bypass corridor is not set and a Plan Development & Environmental (PD&E) Study is needed to determine the best alignment for the roadway.



Northbound motorists on SR 85 trying to enter Crestview during PM rush.

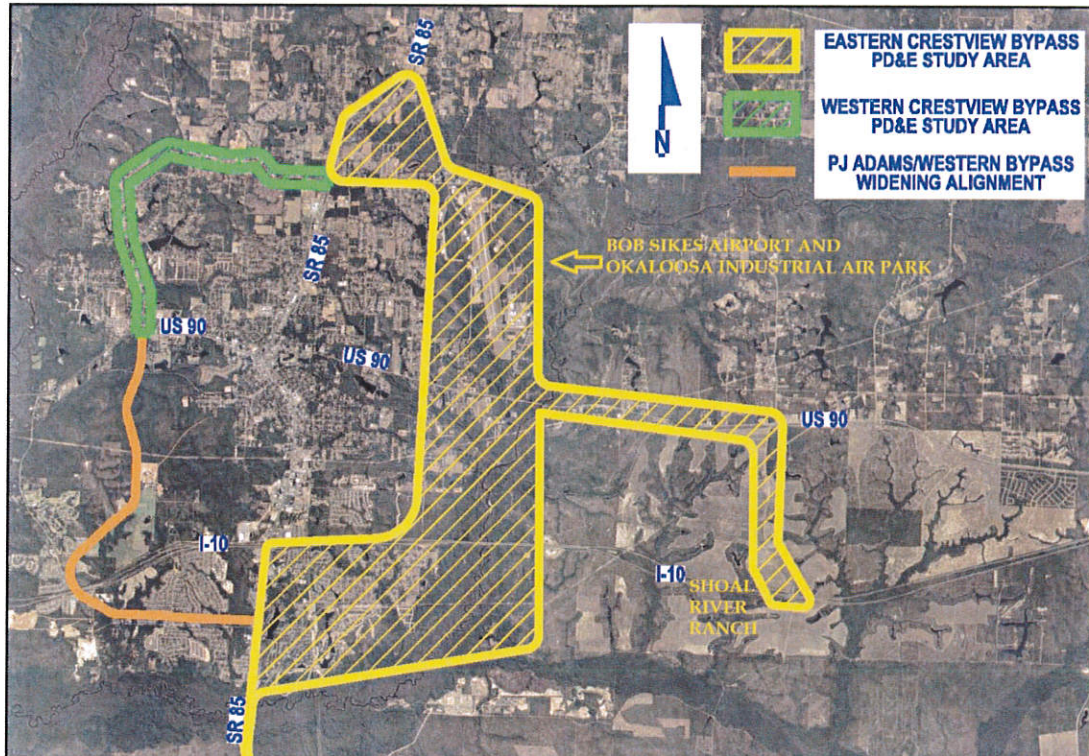
- (i) the amount of funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast: \$4.5 Million.
- (ii) the amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project or program:

Okaloosa County will commit \$500 Thousand towards the PD&E Study to identify the best route for the Eastern Crestview Bypass. Special attention would be needed for this PD&E to ensure the constructible options do not interfere with the military mission of Eglin Air Force Base, which bi-sects Okaloosa County.

- (iii) the location of the project or program:

A Bypass around Crestview is needed. The southwest portion of the Bypass has been studied and is set. Funds are allocated in the year 2020 for a PD&E study for the northwest portion of the Bypass. \$5 Million is needed for a PD&E study for the Eastern Crestview Bypass. It would start near the Shoal River Bridge south of Crestview, curve east and north towards I-10, continue north and cross US 90, curve west and north towards SR 85 and terminate near the intersection of SR 85 and Airport Road. The Eastern Crestview Bypass could be positioned on the east

or west side of the Bob Sikes Airport. The Eastern Crestview Bypass could also branch out towards the Shoal River Ranch and encompasses an Interchange with I-10 as shown by the far right hashed yellow leg of the sketch below.



EASTERN CRESTVIEW BYPASS (PD&E STUDY)

- (iv) summary description of the proposed program, including how the program will be transformational and promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties:

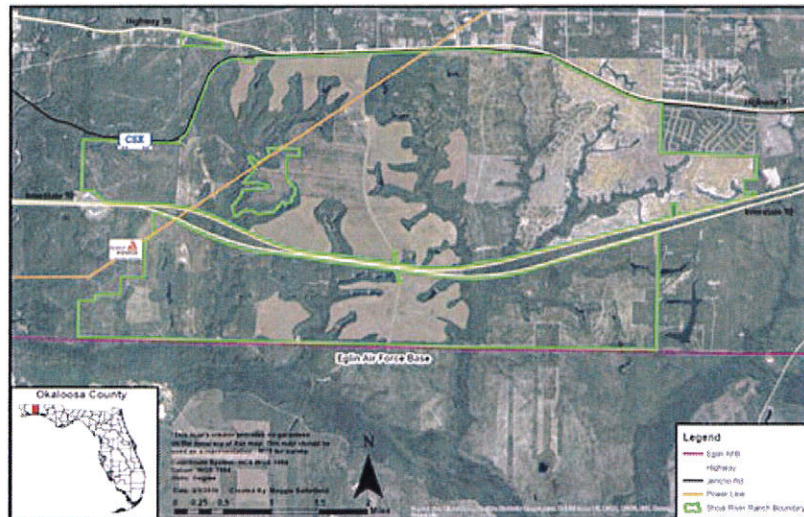
The Eastern Crestview Bypass is needed to allow traffic to flow through the City of Crestview. The Eastern Bypass would provide valuable connections to the Bob Sikes Airport, the Okaloosa Industrial Air Park, and the Shoal River Ranch.

The Bob Sikes Airport offers an 8,000 foot runway and offers an ideal environment for aerospace industry and component manufacturing. Okaloosa County's largest defense contractor currently operates a site at the airport.

The Okaloosa Industrial Air Park, shown right, is also located at Bob Sikes Airport. The Industrial Air Park contains 360 acres for general aviation and is located within an Enterprise Zone. The Industrial Air Park has also successfully completed Gulf Power's Park certification program, known as the Florida First Sites program.



The Shoal River Ranch, shown right, is located on the east side of Crestview and contains over 10,000 acres of developable land. The Shoal River Ranch contains railroad access and an FDOT maintained overpass at I-10 that could be converted into an Interchange.



The Eastern Crestview Bypass could provide transformational access to the Bob Sikes Airport, the Okaloosa Industrial Air Park, and Shoal River Ranch. Traffic congestion on SR 85 chokes potential development. The Eastern Crestview Bypass would accelerate development and economic opportunities that would move Okaloosa County towards high-paying jobs that are not dependent on tourism.

In addition, the Eastern Crestview Bypass would reduce response time for military initiatives and provide hurricane evacuation routes for citizens, military, and tourists.

- (v) a summary timeline for the proposed project or program:

The PD&E study for the Eastern Crestview Bypass would begin in 2019.