

**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,

City of Crestview

**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: **P.J. Adams Parkway Phase IV**

A Bypass is needed around Crestview to divert traffic from State Route (SR) 85. The State, Okaloosa County, and the City of Crestview have been working on the Western Crestview Bypass to relieve congestion on SR 85. SR 85 is a Strategic Intermodal System roadway and 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.



*View looking north on SR 85 from Duke Field Interchange at 4:30 PM*

P.J. Adams Parkway is currently the only Crestview option to cross I-10 besides SR 85. It is currently a 2-lane road and is over capacity. The picture right shows motorists going north on SR 85 stopped at P.J. Adams with a green light because of congestion. P.J. Adams Parkway is the first segment of the Western Crestview Bypass project that will widen and expand existing P.J. Adams Parkway from a two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided urban collector.

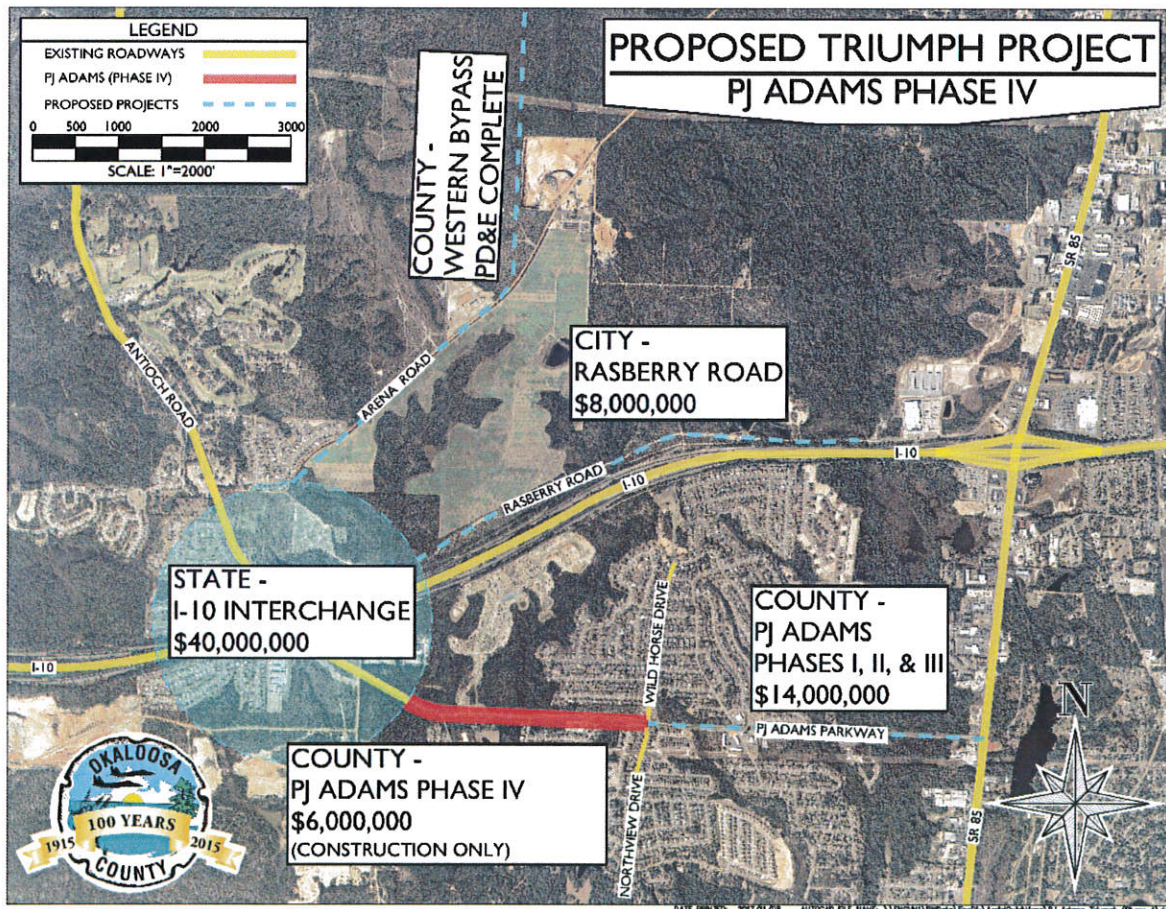


Increasing capacity on P.J. Adams Parkway will encourage more traffic to divert from SR 85 which is currently operating above capacity. The overall limits of the project are from State Route 85 to just south of the I-10 overpass. Funding for Phases I, II, and III of the P.J. Adams Parkway project are in place. \$6 Million is needed for construction of P.J. Adams Parkway Phase IV.



- Okaloosa County will commit \$500,000 towards the construction of P.J. Adams Parkway Phase IV. The State and County have pooled resources and already committed over \$14 Million towards the design and construction of P.J. Adams Parkway Phases I, II, and III. The \$1 Million design for P.J. Adams Parkway Phase IV is complete and was funded with \$500,000 in County funds combined with \$500,000 in State funds through a TRIP Agreement. The Federal Highway Administration has provided \$3.4 Million for Right-of-Way acquisition for P.J. Adams Parkway Phase IV via Local Agency Program funds.

- P.J. Adams Parkway Phase IV is a portion of the Western Crestview Bypass. It runs between Wildhorse Drive and Antioch Road, and would extend into an interchange with I-10.



- (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:

P.J. Adams Parkway Phase IV is one piece of a larger plan for a Western Crestview Bypass; which is necessary to relieve traffic congestion on P.J. Adams Parkway and on State Route 85. P.J. Adams Parkway Phases I, II, and III are currently funded for construction. The Florida Department of Transportation is currently performing a Plan Development & Environmental (PD&E) study to determine the precise location of an interchange between the Western Crestview Bypass and I-10. A PD&E study has already been completed to take the Western Crestview bypass from I-10 to US 90. Additionally, the City of Crestview is pursuing Raspberry Road, a frontage road to I-10 between the Western Crestview bypass and SR 85. The Western Crestview Bypass, new interchange and Raspberry Road will reduce congestion on SR 85 which is currently choked with traffic delays.

Currently commercial and residential development is restricted north of Crestview due to inadequate transportation infrastructure. If constructed, the Western Crestview bypass and widening of P.J. Adams will allow transformational expansion of development north of Crestview and another access to Interstate 10 which is a main route for east/west commerce. Okaloosa County is blessed with some of the world's most beautiful beaches and large military installations. Both tourism and our military drive our economy. Tourism is focused on our beaches and, therefore, seasonal. The ability to expand development near the interstate will allow opportunity for commercial and manufacturing commerce that will be supported year round and not limited to seasonal spikes. This expansion will create higher paying employment opportunities and allow long range planning for commercial and residential development to support our military installations. Development can be based on non-seasonal needs, therefore, transforming our economy to a more sustainable year-round platform.

With our proximity to the Gulf of Mexico, SR 85 and P.J. Adams are both evacuation routes utilized by Okaloosa County citizens and the military installations. Currently there is grave concern that evacuations can be accomplished timely and effectively in preparation for a serious weather event. The proposed projects will provide increased capacity to move motorists out of the area and prevent loss of life. The increased transportation capacity will allow easier access to the area for our military and public safety personnel that will be critical to citizen protection, providing supplies, and recovery after a catastrophic weather event.

In addition, the short-range benefit of the P.J. Adams Parkway Phase IV project will stimulate construction jobs for 2 years.

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

Design of P.J. Adams Phase IV was completed in 2017.

Right-of-Way acquisition is scheduled to be complete in August of 2018, but could be accelerated to April of 2018.

The project could be advertised for construction in August 2018, but could be accelerated to April of 2018.

Construction is estimated to take 2 years.