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April 26, 2018

Don Gaetz, Chairman Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. P.O. Box 12007 Tallahassee, Florida 32317

Re: US29 Connector and Beulah Interchange Joint Project Application to Triumph Gulf Coast Board

Dear Chairman Gaetz,

With the ongoing and planned growth in the greater Beulah community in Escambia County, the Santa Rosa, FL County Commission supports the US29 Connector and Beulah Interchange Joint Project ("Project") Application for consideration of the Triumph Gulf Coast Board.

The Project, from SR10 (Nine Mile Road) to CR184 (Muscogee Road), including a new I-10 interchange, is vitally important, and will provide multiple benefits (new hurricane evacuation route / Interstate 10 access, public safety improvements, congestion relief to surrounding facilities including US29 and US90A, economic development opportunities, etc.) to not only Escambia County, but also for the greater region.

It is our understanding that the County is currently performing the required Project Development and Environmental Study and has invested approximately \$2.7M of Local Funds towards the Project to date; however, is in need of identifying funding for future project phases (design, right-of-way, and construction). Any support that Triumph Gulf Coast Board can provide to the County to see the Project through from the PD&E Study to construction, would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert A. "Bob" Cole, Chairman Board of County Commissioners