

STATE ROAD 85 REALIGNMENT

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. What is the purpose of the study?

A1. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the potential social, natural, cultural, and physical impacts to adjust the State Road (SR) 85 (Eglin Parkway) alignment on Eglin Air Force Base from south of Sunset Lane to south of SR 123. Various alignment options and intersection improvements will be considered. The study began in December 2025 and is expected to be complete by May 2027.

Q2. Why is the project needed?

A2. The SR 85 realignment project is needed to maximize areas of potential future land development for Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) and to improve traffic deficiencies on SR 85 and the surrounding roadway network.

Q3. What is the process?

A3. We are currently in the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) phase, where the focus is on engineering and environmental analysis. The PD&E Phase is a process through which the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The PD&E phase takes approximately 18 months to compete and is followed by design, right-of-way acquisition (if needed), and construction.

Q4. Who is managing the process?

A4. The process is being managed by Okaloosa County in partnership with Eglin Air Force Base and the Florida Department of Transportation. This project is a collaboration of local, state, and federal government partners.

Q5. What improvements are under consideration?

A5. Various roadway realignments to adjust the alignment of SR 85 further west on Eglin Air Force Base will be evaluated. In addition, intersection improvements at Sunset Lane, Poquito Road, and General Bond Boulevard will also be considered.

Q6. How can I get involved and provide input?

A6. During the PD&E study, public input on the proposed project is welcomed at any time. Comments can be provided on the project website (my.okaloosa.com/SR85Realignment) or can be provided to the study team. Formal public meetings are also scheduled to take place including an Alternatives Public Meeting in Summer 2026 and a Public Hearing in Spring 2027. At these meetings, information will be made available about the project and the public will have opportunities to review materials and ask questions.