STATE ROAD 85 REALIGNMENT

MARCH 2026

Kick-off Notice

Okaloosa County | Contract Number: C20-2975-PW



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Okaloosa County, in coordination with Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to identify and evaluate realignment options for existing State Road (SR) 85. The purpose of the SR 85 realignment project is to maximize areas of potential future land development for Eglin AFB and to improve traffic deficiencies on SR 85 and the surrounding roadway network.

WHAT IS A PD&E STUDY?

A PD&E Study is a formal process that develops and compares alternatives to determine a preferred action that meets project needs, while minimizing impacts to the social, natural, cultural, and physical environments. Engaging the public by sharing and receiving information is a key component of this process and is required by the *National Environmental Policy Act*.

STUDY SCHEDULE

Winter 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027
Project Initiation Engineering & Environmental Analysis	Engineering & Environmental Analysis (Continued) **WE ARE HERE**	Alternatives Meeting	Public Hearing	Study Ends

Community Outreach : A continuous community outreach process is integrated into every step of the project to ensure that the corridor residents, businesses, the traveling public and other interested parties have meaningful participation in the process.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Over the next several months, Okaloosa County will collect and analyze engineering and environmental data to help compare and refine potential project alternatives. An Alternatives Public Workshop and a Public Hearing will be held during the study to provide interested parties with the most current information on the project and provide an opportunity for input. The Alternatives Public Workshop is anticipated to be held in summer 2026. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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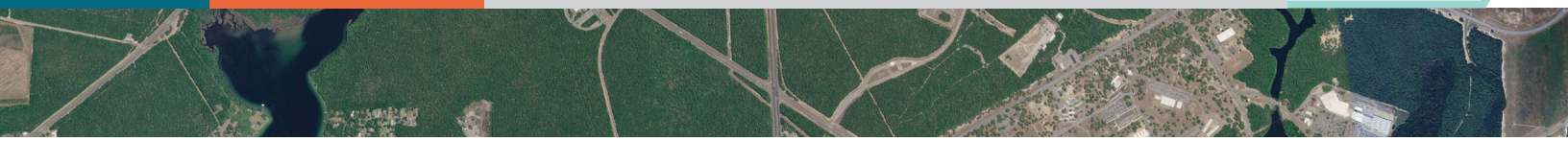
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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to Okaloosa County's compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Jane Evans, Title VI/ Nondiscrimination Coordinator, at 850-651-7521 or by email at jevans@myokaloosa.com.

PROJECT DELIVERY PROCESS

Planning	PD&E	Design	Right-of-Way	Construction	Project Complete
COMPLETED	WE ARE HERE	NOT YET FUNDED			



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