



# Eglin Airport Connector

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## Background



A road system across the Eglin Reservation has been one of the Authority's highest priorities.

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FDOT through the Florida Turnpike Enterprise completed a Feasibility Study in 2011 for a new System from SR 87 to SR 85.



### Northwest Florida Bypass Planning Feasibility Study



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Project Manager

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### Bottom Line:

\$1.3 Billion Construction

\$200 Million Revenues

\$1.1 Billion Shortfall

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Given the Eglin Bypass was the Number One Priority of the Authority, Chairman Montgomery consulted with FDOT Secretary Prasad in August 2011.

The Secretary suggested alternative segments be explored for potential development.



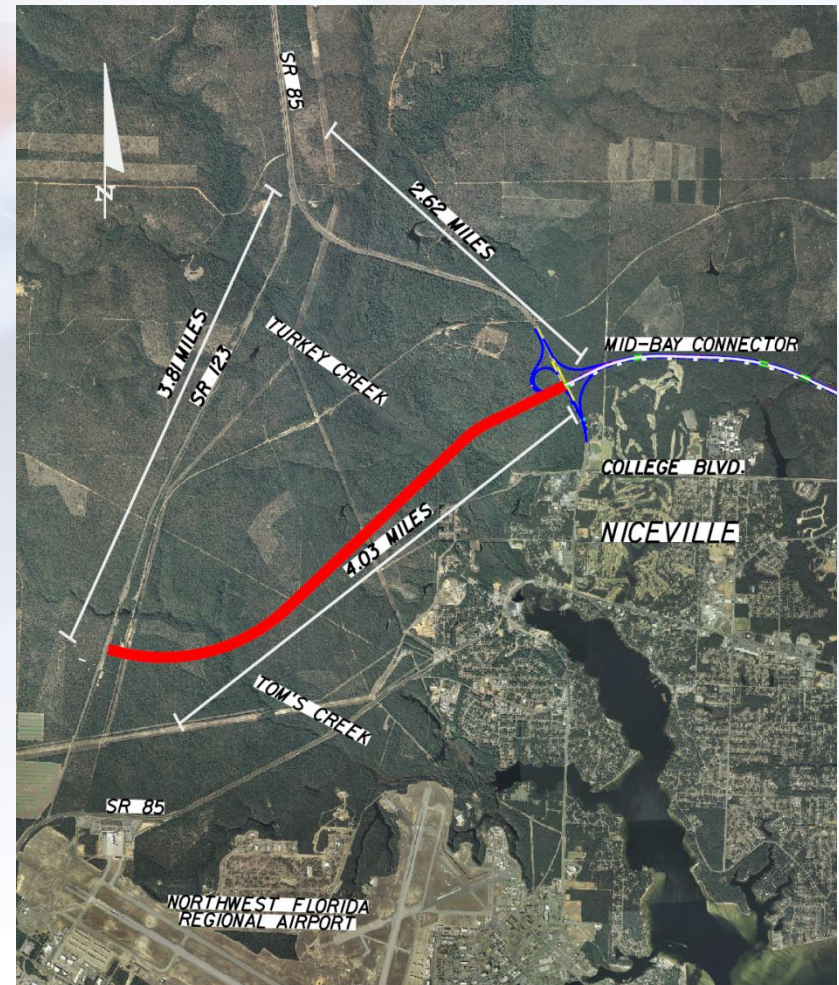
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## Potential Project Identification

Construction from SR 123 to SR 87 has been identified as a potential segment.

The segment is an extension of SR 293 and has been designated as the:

**AIRPORT CONNECTOR**



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## Project Positives

- The corridor creates a direct east-west link with the Okaloosa Regional Airport.
- Creates a redundant link to Interstate 10 to the North.
- Could potentially expand the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) designation for the region.
- Enhances Eglin mission capabilities with direct access to range locations
- Links proposed Air Force development areas

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## Actions-to-Date

- Initial Environmental Screens
  - Minimal Impacts. Potential Mitigations
- Preliminary Discussions with the Air Force
  - Environmental, Real Estate, Operations
- Presentation made 3/21/12 to Eglin Test Wing for a Conceptual Approval
  - Requested Mission Impact Analysis and Real Estate Action Request.

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## Looking Ahead

- Decision on Conceptual Approval
- Executive Level Meeting
  - Eglin Base Commander
  - FDOT District Secretary
  - Authority Representation