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Re: Six Laning SR 85 or Alternative Projects Resulting in Similar Capacity Increases

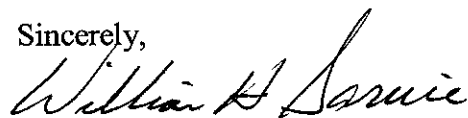
To Whom It May Concern;

The Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization will provide support for application for a TIGER Grant for the Six Laning SR 85 or Alternative Projects Resulting in Similar Capacity Increases, if the project is selected. This project has national and regional significance in that it supports national defense by aiding in the mission readiness of Eglin Air Force Base, Duke Field and the new 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (BRAC implementation project).

The project will continue to provide for the economic growth of our region including Walton County, an economically disadvantaged county. The health, safety and welfare of the region will also be improved by the provision of an improved evacuation route.

Your positive review of the grant application is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



William H. Garvie, Chairman  
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