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RESOLUTION OF THE WALTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, plans are underway for a connector road (referred to as the 79 Connector Road) from State Highway 79 in Bay County to State Highway 98 in South Walton County, which will be an extension of County Highway 388 in Bay County west to Highway 98 in Walton County.

WHEREAS, the right of way for the 79 Connector Road was a part of the \$45 million right-of-way purchase by the Department of Transportation from the St. Joe Company, pursuant to an agreement between the Department and St. Joe dated October 27, 2006.

WHEREAS, during the 2008 legislative session, the legislature, in Specific Appropriation #2079, appropriated \$7,500,000 for the PD&E (planning, development, and environmental) phase of the 79 Connector Road.

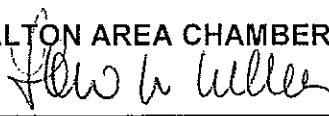
WHEREAS, the remaining phase, which has to be completed before construction begins, is the design phase, estimated to cost \$7,200,000.

WHEREAS, completing the 79 Connector Road is necessary for Walton County because of (1) the projected 2010 completion date of the Bay County International Airport, (2) the expected general increase in tourism in South Walton, (3) the lack of adequate hurricane evacuation routes from South Walton, and (4) the need for an alternate route to relieve the traffic problems on Highway 331 (the only north-south artery from South Walton).

WHEREAS, The Northwest Florida Corridor Authority has identified the 79 Connector road as a priority within the master plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Walton Area Chamber of Commerce, that the 79 Connector Road is a priority for the Chamber and will continue to advocate and support the focus and completion of the road.

WALTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Chair, Lori Kelley

Date: September 15, 2008

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SECRETARY

July 24, 2008

Commissioner Scott Brannon
District One
19367 U.S. Highway 331 South
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Re: Connector Road from South Walton to Airport

Dear Mr. Brannon:

You have inquired about the status of the connector road from State Road 79 in Bay County to State Highway 98 in South Walton County. The right of way for this connector road was a part of the \$45 million right-of-way purchase by the Department of Transportation from the St. Joe Company, pursuant to an agreement between the Department and St. Joe dated October 27, 2006. The connector road will be approximately twelve miles long and will connect to Highway 98 four to six miles west of the Bay-Walton county line. However, the exact alignment will be determined during the PD&E study.

During the 2008 legislative session, the legislature, in Specific Appropriation #2079, appropriated \$7,500,000 for the PD&E (planning, development, and environmental) phase of the connector road. The remaining phase that has to be completed before construction is the design phase. Based on costs of previous projects, the cost of the design phase is estimated to be \$7,200,000.

Completing this connector road is a priority for the Department because of (1) the near completion date of the Bay County International Airport, (2) the expected general increase in tourism in South Walton, (3) the lack of adequate hurricane evacuation routes from South Walton, and (4) the need for an alternate route to relieve the traffic problems on Highway 331 (the only north-south artery from South Walton).

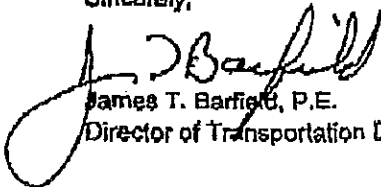
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Getting the PD&E phase funded and having the right of way already purchased are big steps toward completing this project; there is now more incentive to fund the next phases. The Department appreciates the County's concern for this project and we look forward to working with the County in our efforts to secure funding for the remainder of the project.

Sincerely,



James T. Barfield, P.E.
Director of Transportation Development

SECTION 5 - NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT/GROWTH MANAGEMENT/TRANSPORTATION

authorized to enter into a public-private partnership by October 1, 2008, which may result in the issuance of private activity bonds in an amount not to exceed the revenues generated by the private development. It is the legislature's intent that the partnership shall fund improvements that achieve a public purpose by maximizing the use of the Strategic Intermodal Highway System to relieve traffic congestion and promote economic development

2075	FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY SEAPORTS ACCESS PROGRAM FROM STATE TRANSPORTATION (PRIMARY) TRUST FUND	10,000,000
2076	FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY SEAPORT GRANTS FROM STATE TRANSPORTATION (PRIMARY) TRUST FUND	31,877,045
2077	FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY RAIL DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS FROM STATE TRANSPORTATION (PRIMARY) TRUST FUND	265,343,649

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2077, \$700,000 in non-recurring funds is provided for a study to determine the feasibility of a rail corridor along U.S. Highway 27 extending from western Miami-Dade to the City of South Bay and a study to determine the feasibility of a rail corridor in the Tampa Bay area, including Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Sarasota counties.

2078	FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY INTERMODAL DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS FROM STATE TRANSPORTATION (PRIMARY) TRUST FUND	17,329,270
2079	FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS FROM STATE TRANSPORTATION (PRIMARY) TRUST FUND FROM RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION TRUST FUND	439,909,752 1,790,400

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2079, \$750,000 in non-recurring funds from the State Transportation Trust Fund is provided for a preliminary development and environmental study for replacing the Veterans Bridge in Volusia County.

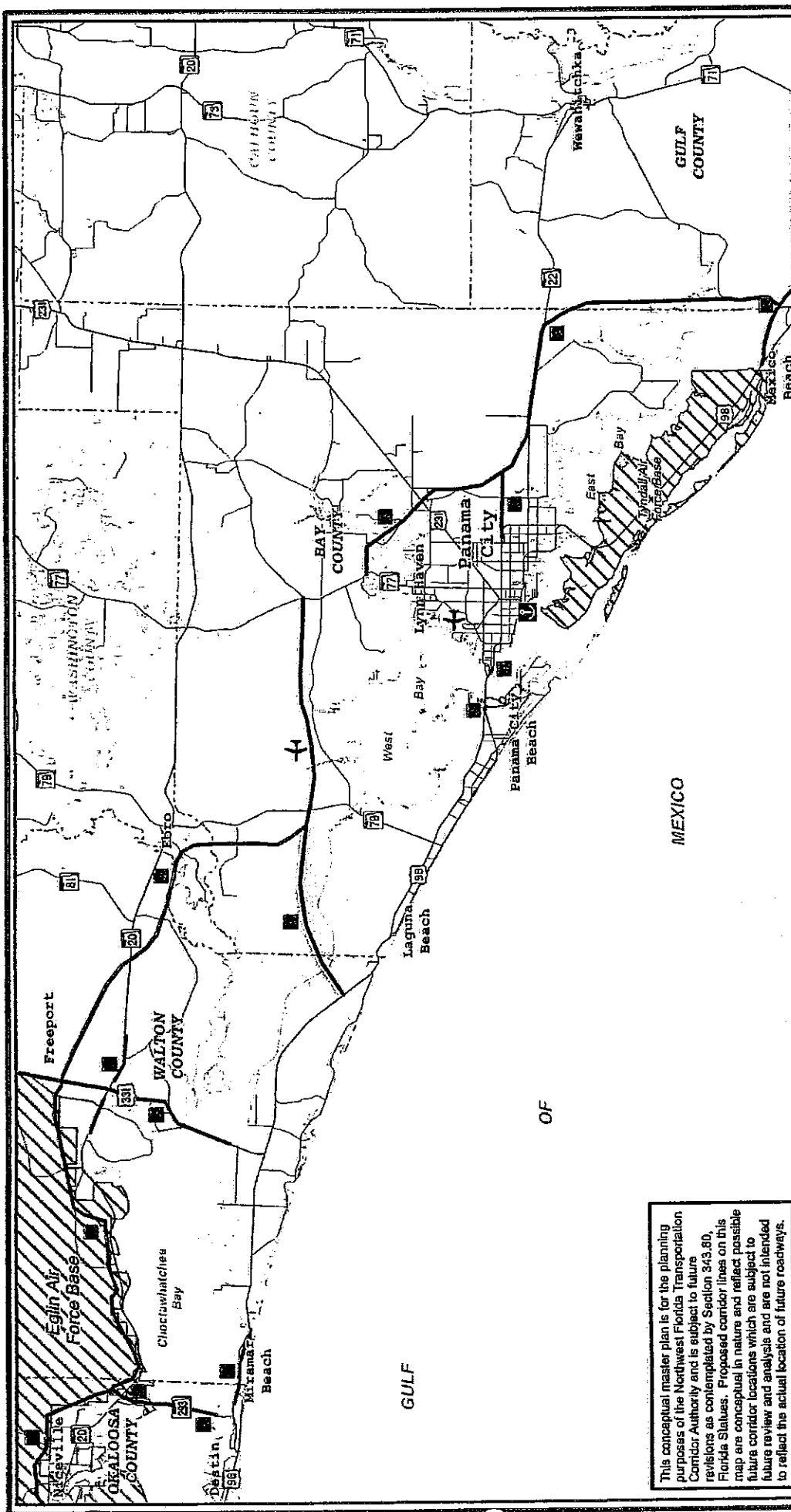
From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2079, \$7,500,000 in non-recurring funds from the State Transportation Trust Fund is provided for the development of a connector road from County Road 388 to State Road 77.

2080	FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY RIGHT-OF-WAY SUPPORT FROM STATE TRANSPORTATION (PRIMARY) TRUST FUND FROM RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION TRUST FUND	45,076,952 594,131
2081	FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS FROM STATE TRANSPORTATION (PRIMARY) TRUST FUND	28,339,377
2082	FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY DEBT SERVICE FROM RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION TRUST FUND	142,115,943



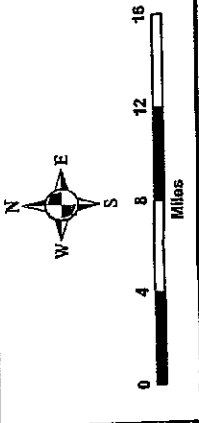
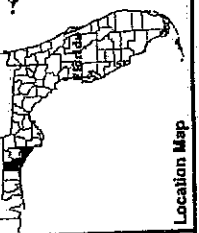
Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority
 Prioritized Master Plan Projects

Project ID	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Project Length (Miles)	Project Cost (\$ Millions)	Project Start Year	Project End Year	Project Status
24	Everett Bypass	Neptune Bypass	Mid-Bay Bridge Extension	2.131	21.31	2011	2014	Completed
16	Navarre Bypass	SR 87	FIVE Milewide Bypass	13.50	13.50	2011	2014	Completed
33	Navarre-Frostproof Connector	Mid-Bay Bridge Extension	New 4 Lane Limited Access	19.44	19.44	2011	2014	Completed
71	SR 85	CR 123	US 231/Frostproof I-10	11.4	11.4	2011	2014	Completed
19	SR 87	North of existing 4 Lane	Widen 4 to 8 Lane	12.50	12.50	2011	2014	Completed
35	US 331	South End of Choctawhatchee Bay	Widen 2 to 4 Lane	21.61	21.61	2011	2014	Completed
47	US 98	West of 23rd Street	New Interchange	0.15	0.15	2011	2014	Completed
45	US 98	West of Thomas Drive	Complete Interchange	27.51	27.51	2011	2014	Completed
54	Gulf Coast Parkway	US 59/Melrose Bagch	New 4 Lane Arisial Road	19.09	19.09	2011	2014	Completed
68	US 319	US 98 (Maple)	Widen 7 to 4 Lane	10.09	10.09	2011	2014	Completed
55	US 98	Gulf to Bay Hwy	Construct 2 Lanes Sep. 24.3	34.61	34.61	2011	2014	Completed
62	US 98 Re-alignment	Magdalena Bluffs	New 2 Lane Road					
2015 Projects								
72	US 98	US 98 (Maple)	Widen 7 to 4 Lane					
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2016 Projects								
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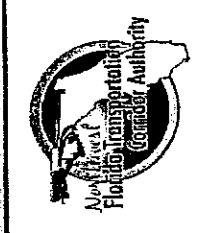
This conceptual master plan is for the planning purposes of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority and is subject to future revisions as contemplated by Section 343.80, Florida Statutes. Proposed corridor lines on this map are conceptual in nature and reflect possible future corridor locations which are subject to future review and analysis and are not intended to reflect the actual location of future roadways.

Walton & Bay County
Recommended Master Plan
Figure 4



- Urban Area
- Military Facility
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Airport \ Future Airport
- Seaport

- Legend - Project Status**
- Number of Lanes
 - 2 Lanes
 - 4 Lanes
 - 4 Lanes Limited Access
 - 6 Lanes
 - Project Number



SR 79 SUMMARY

	Status	Amount Funded	Amount Unfunded	Total Unfunded
Holmes County				
2207733 From Washington County Line to I-10				
.844 miles	PD&E	complete	0.134	
	Design	underway	1.265	
	Right-of-Way	fy 08	2.028	
	Mitigation	unfunded		0.337
	Construction & CEI	unfunded	15.397	15.734
Washington County				
2207732 From SR 20 to Holmes County Line				
27.060 miles	PD&E	complete	0.149	
2207738 From North of Cypress Creek Br to Holmes Co. Line				
4.970 miles	Design	underway	3.225	
	Right-of-Way	unfunded		22.446
	Mitigation	unfunded		1.100
	Construction & CEI	unfunded	48.752	72.298
2207737 From CR 279 to North of Cypress Creek Br				
3.187 miles	Design	underway	2.062	
	Right-of-Way	unfunded		9.016
	Mitigation	unfunded		0.350
	Construction & CEI	unfunded	39.941	49.307
4071671 Holmes Creek Bridge				
1.031 miles	Design	underway	1.939	
	Right-of-Way	underway	14.099	
	Mitigation	underway	0.777	
	Construction & CEI	fy 09	36.495	0.000
2207736 From N of Reedy Creek Br. to Court Street				
6.436 miles	Design	underway	3.027	
	Right-of-Way	unfunded		44.575
	Mitigation	unfunded		1.300
	Construction & CEI	unfunded	76.752	122.627

2207735 From N of Mill Branch Br. To N of Reedy Creek Br.

4.575 miles	Design	underway	2.228		
	Right-of-Way	underway	8.414		
	Mitigation	unfunded		0.392	
	Construction & CEI	unfunded		59.103	59.495

2207734 From Strickland Rd to N of Mill Branch Creek

6.539 miles	Design	underway	3.414		
	Right-of-Way	Underway	12.766		
	Mitigation	fy 09	0.887		
	Construction & CEI	fy 12	57.735		0.000

2207731 From N of Environmental Rd to Strickland Rd

1.718 miles	Design	underway	1.567		
	Right-of-Way	underway	7.505		
	Mitigation	fy 08	0.202		
	Construction & CEI	fy 09	18.981		0.000

2179116 From Bay Co. to N of Environmental Rd

.558 miles	Design under 2179114	underway			
	Right-of-Way	complete	0.031		
	Mitigation	underway	0.118		
	Construction & CEI	underway	5.336		0.000

Bay County

2179111 From SR 30 (US 98A) to Washington County Line

14.371 miles	PD&E	complete	0.437		
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2179114 From Steel Field Rd To Washington Co. Line

6.001 miles	Design	underway	2.038		
	Right-of-Way	complete	0.134		
	Mitigation	underway	3.560		
	Construction & CEI	underway	27.016		0.000

2179113 From N of CR 388 to Steel Field Road

2.568miles	Design	underway	1.631		
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	Right-of-Way	underway	6.793	
	Mitigation	underway	0.795	
	Construction & CEI	underway	10.888	0.000

2179115 West Bay Bridge

1.407 miles	Design	complete	2.363	
	Right-of-Way	complete	3.916	
	Mitigation	not required	0.000	
	Contamination	complete	0.004	
	Construction & CEI	underway 11-2005	42.337	0.000

2180031 From SR 30A (US 98) To West Bay Bridge

4.375 miles	Design under 2179111	complete	1.005	
	Right-of-Way	complete	3.196	
	Mitigation	not required	1.159	
	Construction & CEI	complete 06-2006	12.756	0.000

2179112 From SR 30 (US 98A) To SR 30A (US 98)

.568 miles	Design	fy 09	0.500	0.406
	Right-of-Way	unfunded		0.551
	Mitigation	not required		0.000
	Construction & CEI	unfunded		15.869
				16.826

	Total funded phases		304.912	
		Total unfunded phases		336.287
		Total project costs		641.199

As Of: 09/29/08